

various mandatory requirements as stipulated by various State Governments.

**Posts of Youth Co-ordinators in H.P.**

**†\*612. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:** Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the daily "Amar Ujala" dated 31st March, 2001, under the caption, "Is baar doob jayega Nehru Yuva Kendra ka laakhon ka budget";

(b) if so, since when the posts of Youth Co-ordinator in six Youth Kendras of Himachal Pradesh have been lying vacant and the reasons for not filling the same so far; and

(c) who are responsible and to what extent, for not filling these posts, stopping the youth activities in the above districts and allowing the budget to lapse?

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI):** (a) Government have taken cognizance of the news-item.

(b) and (c) Presently 4 kendras in Himachal Pradesh are without full time Youth Coordinators since 30.9.2000, 22.8.2000, 29.6.1999 and 14.9.2000 respectively. These kendras are Chamba, Hamirpur, Kinnaur and Kullu. A proposal for creation of additional posts of Youth Coordinators is under consideration of Government of India. However, pending sanction, youth activities in those Kendras without a Youth Coordinator, including the four above mentioned Kendras in H.P., are being conducted by the Youth Coordinators of neighbouring Districts by giving them additional charge. This has ensured that the Budgets meant for these Kendras are not allowed to lapse.

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